HARTNELL COLLEGE HISTORY

As It Was; And How It Came To Be

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What It Can Offer; And What It Has

Hartnell Name Honors Founder Of First College In California

William E. P. Hartnell, founder of California's first college, was a man who dreamed of fine things, and then went about bringing his dreams into three dimensions.

Educated in German and English universities, and actually more scholar than business man, he was among the first traders to arrive in California in 1822. At that time there were only 13 foreigners in the whole land.

The blond Anglo-Saxon was from Lancashire, and had come to purchase hides and tallow for a shopkeeper of Lima, Peru. He was eager to get started in his trading business, and soon after landing in the Spanish capital of Monterey, bought horses and rode into the Salinas Valley.

Missions had cattle, and padres were badly in need of trade. That, Hartnell decided, was the way to begin. The padres at Mission San Miguel sold him a contract on all the hides, tallow, and other mission products for three years. This was the first mercantile business on the Pacific Coast.

However, there was a problem facing Hartnell. He was a Protestant, and the land was Catholic. In order to own land, he first had to be a Catholic. This fact, and his close association with the missionary fathers, eventually led to his conversion to the Roman Catholic Church.

As a Mexican citizen, he had the right to claim as many as 48,824 acres of land. As a Catholic he claimed the hand of the lovely, dark-eyed Teresa de la Guerra, a young Californian from one of the high caste families in Santa Barbara.

Hartnell had set up his mercantile business in Monterey, but his wife liked fun and gaiety. So, in 1830, he secured from the Spanish government a grant of 2,971 acres of land known as the Alisal Rancho. This summer estate was located six miles from Salinas in the foothills of the Gabilan Mountains, and was renamed by the owner, "El Patrocinito de San Jose," or under the patronage of Saint Joseph.

Several things inspired Hartnell to open a preparatory school on his estate. His sons were fast reaching adolescence and needed a preparatory education before going abroad to complete their studies, and the Rancho was an ideal setting for a school. Also, Hartnell boasted one of the largest and most carefully selected libraries in California, containing the great English and French classics and outstanding Spanish works.

Brick by brick, Indian converts trained by mission padres labored to build California's first college, El Colegio de San Jose. Anxious that the college should resemble the boarding school he had attended in England, Hartnell erected two adobe buildings. The larger included the home, class room, and chapel. The smaller contained the dormitory, kitchen, and dining room.

William Hartnell was born an Englishman, and died a Californian. He was one of the most important figures in society and government, as well as trading, ranching, and education, in early California history.

In December of 1833 the college opened with 15 students. Hartnell himself was one of the instructors. The other two were Fathers Bachelot and Short, two priests exiled from the Sandwich Islands by the native government.

A fairly wide range of subjects was offered, including Latin, German, French, writing of essays, mathematics, and philosophy. Special attention was given to Christian doctrine and morals and habits and manners. Students were required to have two suits of underwear, necessary top clothes, and a horse. The fee for board, lodging, and tuition was $200 a year, about half the amount charged by the eastern schools at that time.

Despite its success, the college continued for less than two years. Although no records are available which explains its brief existence, it was probably due, in part, to the expulsion of the two fathers by the Mexican government, and the inability to find other instructors. Also, many of the rich dons of Monterey thought the idea impractical, even radical.

In 1948 Salinas Junior College was renamed Hartnell College in honor of this Englishman who established California's first "school of higher learning."

Hartnell Displaced Salinas Jaysee

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Hartnell College Sign Replaced Salinas J. C. Sign In July, 1948

Effective July 1, 1948, what had been Salinas Junior College for 28 years officially became Hartnell College. The change was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Salinas Union High School District in the meeting of Wednesday, April 14, 1948.

From 1835 until 1920, it was impossible to receive a college education in the central coast area. Since 1920, the Salinas college offered constantly improving opportunities to students in the area. In 1936, the growing institution moved from a wing of Salinas high school into the present buildings on Homestead Avenue.

With the move to the new site came added opportunities for education and experience in more widely varied fields. Shortly after World War II, Hartnell Agriculture and Mechanics school was created on a 260 acre area on East Alisal Street, using the land and buildings of the wartime guayule plant.

For a number of years, Hartnell has been the largest junior college in the coast counties between the San Francisco and Los Angeles metropolitan areas. In addition to its size, it has been consistently rated high in all phases of educational, athletic, student government and administrative standards.

Hartnell offers three types of curricula for high school graduates who wish to complete two years of study and receive a degree of Associate of Arts. Students may prepare for upper division in a four year college by studying in the lower division; they may prepare to enter semi-professional work by studying in the occupational division; or they may take a broad and varied program in the general division.

General division students need

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Hartnell A and M Program Has Own College Campus

The Hartnell School of Agriculture and Mechanics, located on a 260-acre campus about three miles from the main Hartnell campus, is the vocational end of the college district.

The A. and M. is located on a separate campus and has its own administration, but it has no students of its own; the students come mainly from Hartnell College, and, in addition, has a few junior and senior students from the Salinas high school.

The college students attending the A. and M. spend half of their day — 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon — there in the vocational classes, and the other half of the day in the academic classes here on the main campus. This close co-operation between the campuses not only adds convenience in that there is no need for duplication of classes on the two, but also enables the A. and M. students to share the advantages of belonging to the regular Hartnell Student Body organization.

One of the objects of the agriculture and mechanics school, the administration of which is headed by Mr. Lyman C. Fowler, is to prepare the students for the vocations they intend to enter; and the courses offered there include such classes as machine shop, auto shop, radio and television, carpentry, aviation, welding and fabrication, and agriculture.

The courses are planned to enable the students to enter the vocations of their choice immediately upon graduation, and the elaborate equipment and extensive land area available at the school allow the students to gain practical experience and training in the fields of their choice.

In addition to this, if the student wishes to get a B.A. degree from a college such as U.C. at Davis or California Polytechnic at San Luis Obispo, he can attend first the Hartnell A. and M. for the first two years of the college work and receive full credit for the work.

All of the agricultural courses numbered under 50 are acceptable with full credit at Davis, and all of the vocational courses and shop courses numbered under 50 will receive full credit at Cal Poly. This means that an agriculture student can attend Hartnell for two years and the senior college of his choice for two years and graduate with a B.A. degree at the conclusion of the four years.

Silliman Library Rare, Valuable

O. P. Silliman Memorial Library was dedicated April 29, 1948. Mrs. Mathilda N. Silliman donated the valuable collection of Mr. O. P. Silliman shortly after his death, and Miss Luella Wiens, librarian, placed and arranged all the material in the room of the library which it now occupies.

Included in the material of the library is material concerning bird skins, wild life, and California history. The collection of bird skins is reportedly the only one in possession of an educational institution in California. The material was turned over to schools of higher learning in hopes that Mr. Silliman's life-long work might be continued.

Club Claims Famed Alumni

Late in 1938, Hartnell College was admitted into the select fraternity known as Alpha Delta Epsilon. At the same time numerous other junior colleges were submitting their petitions for admission to Delta Epsilon. Due to the increasing membership, Delta Epsilon officials stated that junior colleges requesting acceptance at that time would not be admitted; but instead suggested that they adopt the new name, Alpha Delta Epsilon, which should apply to all junior colleges. Hartnell was among these.

So started the Art Club of Salinas Junior College. Since that time, the Hartnell Art Club has had many famous presidents and officers leading it: Eldon Dedini, cartoonist for Esquire and the New Yorker magazines; Gus Whitaker, nationally known artist, now instructor at Michigan State; Joe Bragdon, art teacher at Stockton high school; Nancy Johnson, modern Christmas card designer in Carmel; and Finis Jeffers, local and peninsula artist and former president of the Hartnell Alumni Association.

"C" Grade, or Else Required Since 1944

All students of Hartnell must maintain at least a "C" average in order to remain in college. This rule was instituted in 1944, in an effort to raise the scholastic average of the college and to maintain a student body whose primary interest was learning. The rule was not intended to place a hardship on the students.

Anyone who fails to maintain a "C" average is immediately placed on probation for one semester. If the student then raises his grades to the required level he's okay, but if he doesn't he's placed on even stricter probation for one more semester. If this period expires and he has failed to improve at all he is dropped from school; if he gets a "C" average he's cleared; and if he improves his grades quite a bit without making the demanded average, he is given his last trial semester. During this semester he MUST get a "C" average or he is dropped from school.

It is considered that if any student fails to make the required grade after all these chances he will be unable to get the grades necessary to graduate and might as well not waste time in college. Every chance is given to any student who really tries to make good; the rule is not just used as a club held over the students.

The "cinch slips" which some students doubtless have either received or heard about by now are another warning to the failing student. They are issued so that no student will be left in ignorance of his standing in the case that his record is in danger of becoming unsatisfactory.

Hartnell Library Abounds In Books And Periodicals

The latest up-to-date material on current events is not such a problem when one spends a few minutes each day browsing around in the library.

Did you know that the library receives some 200 periodicals, of which they purchase around 160, and three daily, and two weekly newspapers. The periodicals are indexed in either the Reader's Guide or Industrial Art Index and are used for research wor.

In the more permanent form, the 12,500 volumes, which have been added to the library, vary from the political scene and science scene to the business world. With all the books and periodicals, the library staff is always busy cataloguing and keeping the students and teachers up with the latest sources of reference. The Silliman library has 3,500 volumes which are constantly used for research work.

The average cost of a book in the library is $6 which doesn't affect the choice of books, but rather the need constitutes the deciding factor regarding the purchase.

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not necessarily be high school graduates. This division offers the following opportunities to those wishing to further their education: (1) Special students may take chosen courses to suit their individual needs, (2) students may complete high school requirements, (3) students may prepare for entrance into lower division, and (4) students may graduate with a varied choice of courses added to the state requirements.

More information pertinent to the individual departments and functions of the past and present Hartnell College can be found throughout these pages.

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Transfers From Hartnell Rate High At California

Hartnell College transfers rate very high at the University of California, according to records released by President John B. Lemos recently. It was revealed that Hartnell College transfers, through the period from 1946 to 1951, rate higher than transfers from all other junior colleges or any other four-year college or university.

According to this information, if a Hartnell student transferred to the Berkeley campus, he would be on par with the average University of California student and would be rated higher than the transfer student of other junior colleges in California.

The 1950-51 school year proved to be the banner year for Hartnell's transfer students. This was indicated by the following chart listing the upper division subjects taken at the University of California at both the Berkeley and Los Angeles campuses. The first column of figures indicates the grade average obtained by transfers from all junior colleges; the second column indicates the grade average made by all University of California students; and the third column indicates the grade average attained by Hartnell College transfers. The grade point system for the University is as follows: 3.00 indicates an "A," 2.00 indicates a "B," and 1.00 indicates a "C."

Anatomy	2.00	1.61	1.00
Botany	0.00	1.69	0.00
Chemistry	1.67	1.61	2.00
*Economics (At Berkeley)	1.88	1.54	2.00
*Economics (At Los Angeles)	1.20	1.34	2.00
Education	1.44	1.71	1.00
Engineering	1.29	1.50	1.50
English	1.42	1.56	1.00
French	1.59	1.78	2.00
Geography	0.00	1.75	0.00
History	1.38	1.64	2.50
Home Economics	1.64	1.67	1.00
*Mathematics (At Los Angeles)	1.49	1.55	1.50
*Mathematics (At Berkeley)	0.95	1.36	1.50
Spanish	1.60	1.92	2.60
Speech	1.75	1.71	2.00
Total	1.415	1.585	1.575

*When the ratings at the University of California (Berkeley) differ from those at U.C.L.A., both figures are given.

Hartnell Science Faculty Meets With Others at San Jose State

Hartnell College Science Faculty held another meeting on Thursday, February 19, with the science department at San Jose State College to exchange ideas on new science courses.

This meeting was one of a series of meetings that Hartnell College Science Faculty has been holding during the past several years, the purpose of which has been to formulate new science courses. One course that has been worked out, as a result of these meetings, and already put into effect, is called Natural Science 10.

It is expected that as a result of these meetings with the San Jose State faculty and neighboring state colleges and junior colleges a better program of science education will be established for all colleges concerned.

Members of the science faculty of Hartnell College engaged in this study are Mr. Vincent Anselmo, Mr. William McCallum, Mr. Wilbert Robinson, Mr. John Lemos, and Mr. James Wilson. Also in attendance as a representative of the General College is Dr. Luella Hall, dean of that division.

Efficient Office Staff Boasted

Hartnell College may well be considered fortunate to have such a qualified staff in the administration office.

In point of service, Miss Ada Bassi, secretary to the president, ranks first. Miss Bassi, who has been with the college since 1945, is acknowledged by all who know her as the key personality in most of Hartnell's functions. She not only participates in her regular duties, but assists in many extra jobs that can be done only by such a qualified secretary. She has always performed her tasks with the highest degree of cheerfulness and efficiency. Miss Bassi is a Hartnell graduate.

Next in seniority is Miss Irene Guidotti, secretary and clerk, who has been with the institution for three years. She is also an alumna of the college.

Added to the staff this September was Miss Phoebe Fiese, library clerk; Miss Narda Heinrichs, attendance clerk; and Mrs. Gladys Hudson, finance clerk.

Student Body Office Is Moved

In order to conserve space and to make better use of classrooms, the administration brought about a number of changes in the main building of the college.

Mainly the Hartnell Associated Student Body moved its equipment and effects from Room 1 back to Room 2-A which was formerly the student body office.

Hartnell Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Group Organized In 1938

Nu Chapter of the Alpha Gamma Sigma, the Hartnell College member, is one of the thirty-three chapters of the California Junior College Honor Scholarship Society.

The local Alpha Gamma Sigma made its opening move, in 1938, by contributing the proceeds of the Homecoming Day dance to the Hartnell College Student Union fund. The organization was founded at Santa Ana Junior College in 1921.

Students for the society are selected on the basis of their academic standing for the preceding semester. Students must carry a minimum load of 12 semester units with at least a "B" average and no less than 30 grade points.

Students staying in the club for three semesters out of four are eligible for life membership in the Alpha Gamma Sigma. All students entering the club must also be recommended for good citizenship and behavior.

Alpha Gamma Sigma has always played an important role in the annual Hartnell College Homecoming Day and activities. Dr. Luella Hall is the advisor to Nu Chapter.

Interclub Council Active Since 1949

Interclub Council, the first president of which was Dolores Fosselman, was started on May 20, 1949, and was formed to co-ordinate activities of the various Hartnell clubs.

The club officiates over the calendar events and tries to keep harmony with the various clubs, so that when they sponsor any dances, or any school activities, the dates will not conflict with any other club's plans.

Two big events at Hartnell every year, the annual carnival and the Homecoming activities, are sponsored by the Interclub Council.

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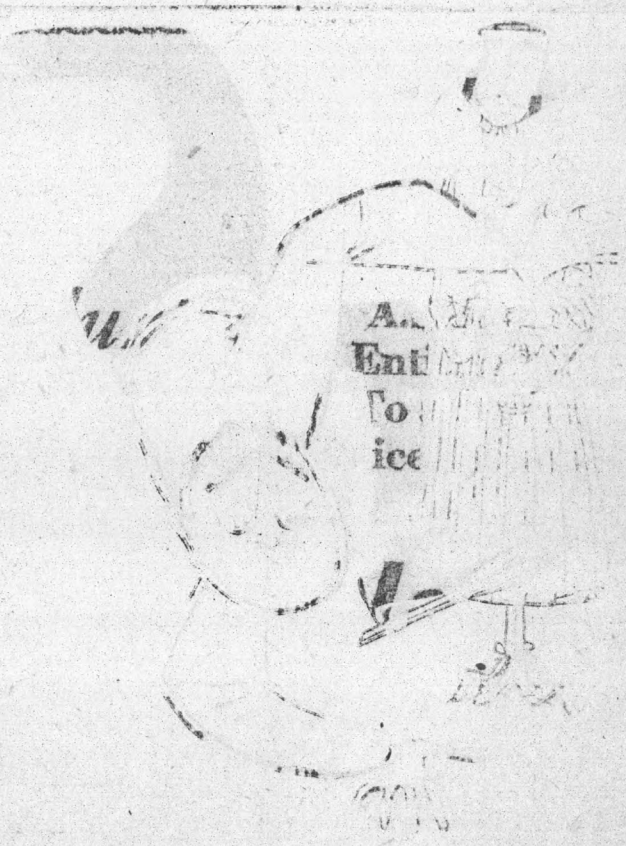
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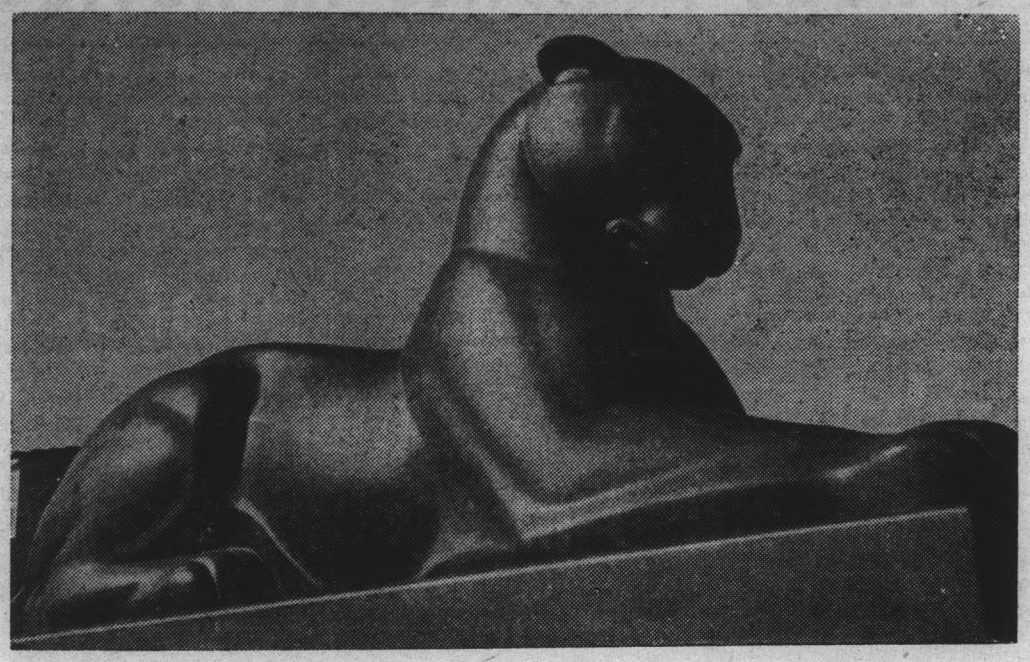

Hartnell Class Of '40 Donated Panther Statue

The class of '40 presented to the college the black panther which resides on the front lawn of Hartnell college. This large granite panther was presented to Hartnell by the graduating class of 1940. The panther had its beginning in San Francisco where the sculptor of the gift, Raymond Puccinelli, worked on it for several months.

The unveiling of the panther was a dramatic affair. The gray Monday of December 9, 1940, was chosen for the ceremonies. The gift which is the symbol of the panthers of Hartnell was unveiled at 3:00 in the afternoon. The late D. R. Case, Superintendent of Schools, presided. The Reverend M. L. Kemper gave the invocation, and the band followed with music under the direction of Lorell McCann. Mr. Joseph Allen, state supervisor of the Northern California Art Project, was the main speaker, and he related the history of the panther from the time of its conception. Mr. Puccinelli spoke briefly about his famous work. Mr. Robert von Christierson, college alumni president, presented the statue, and Mr. M. B. Young, president of the board of trustees, accepted. Mr. Richard Werner, president of the college, was responsible for the symbolic monument.

The black panther now rests, guarding the doors of the ever-growing Hartnell College. It is truly the Panther Sentinel, from which came the idea for the name of Hartnell's weekly newspaper.

Although it is remembered by very few persons still at Hartnell, when Oscar was first placed on the base on which he now sits so solemnly, a steel box was buried at the concrete base for safekeeping until December 9, 2140.

Placed in the box are many items typical of the junior college at that time. Under the safekeeping of the Panther are a 1940 yearbook, copy of the college newspaper; letters from the presidents of the Associated Student Body, school board and of the college as well as rings and other timely trademarks.

Two Women's Clubs Offer Scholarships

Two Salinas women's organizations sponsor scholarships for women students to continue their college education.

The Business and Professional Women's Club offers a scholarship to some deserving woman student who is entering a career or profession. Most of these scholarships are offered to Hartnell students, but high school students are also considered. The Association of American University Women similarly offers a scholarship to a four-year college.

Students intersted in applying for one of these scholarships should write a letter introducing herself to the club. The letter should tell of outside activities as well as academic standing. A board composed of club and faculty members select the deserving student.

Students may get further details from Miss Handley or Miss Wiens.

Lions Club Offers Students Two $200 Funds

The Salinas Lions Club offers two scholarships of $200 each, one going to a high school student to attend Hartnell, and a second one going to a Hartnell freshman who will continue his sophomore year at the college.

The selection of these scholarships will be on the basis of financial and environmental needs, in addition to the interest shown by the student applicant.

A student receiving the scholarship in high school may also receive it in college. He must, however, remain at Hartnell.

Hal Ulrici Leads Active Hartnell Drama Group

With the presentation of the production, "Night Must Fall," Hartnell College began its drama season in the capable hands of Mr. Hal Ulrici. He came to Hartnell from the Salinas high school drama department, and has furnished Hartnell with continuously great drama.

The drama department has membership in Delta Psi Omega, national dramatic honor society. The college players usually put on about five plays a year. The main policy of the drama department is to present a suspense drama at the beginning of the year, followed by a religious program, a classic, and then a comedy.

The Salinas community college plays have also found a place in Hartnell, inasmuch as the evening adult drama participates in Hartnell's thespian activities.

Soroptimists, Hod Carriers Sponsor Funds

Two of Hartnell's scholarships which are offered each year to deserving students at the college are that granted by the Salinas Labor and Hod Carriers' Union and the one sponsored by the Salinas Soroptimists Club.

The Salinas Labor and Hod Carriers' Scholarship Fund, one of Hartnell's annual scholarships, is is a rotating fund "to be paid back after the person receiving the scholarship has been gainfully employed for three or more years." The scholarship is then given to another student. The student should be more or less interested in science or some branch of science, according to Mr. Lemos.

Similar to the rotating scholarship is the loan offered by the Soroptimist International Club Fund. This fund is offered to foreign students. In addition to those two, the Hartnell International Club is working on a scholarship of $100 to be offered to a foreign student.

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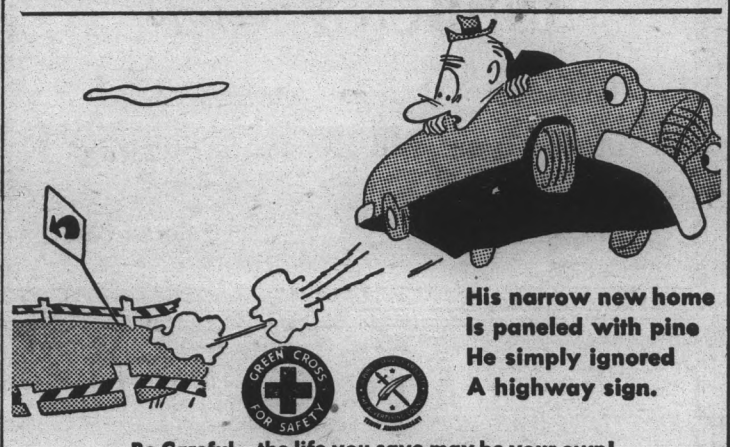

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History Of Hartnell College Athletics In Review

Hartnell College inaugurated its sports program in 1930 by sponsoring a basketball team and a track team. There were no teacher-coaches available, so the coaching was furnished by citizens during the infancy of the sporting program. Basketball and track continued as the only sports until 1932 when a football team was formed. In these first few years competition was limited mainly to intramural, with little or no interschool competition until 1935.

1935-36: A full-time sporting program was introduced in 1935 with football, basketball, tennis, track, and baseball. The teams competed in the 4-C athletic conference (Central California Coast Counties Athletic Conference), and reigned as champions in tennis, track and baseball.

The conference was composed of Marin J.C., Santa Maria J.C., Menlo J.C., Cal Poly, and Hartnell (Salinas J.C.). The 1935 football team was headed for great success with a record of three wins, one loss, and one tie when quarter grades were given out and almost the entire football team was declared ineligible because of grades. Night play was inaugurated that year with a game with San Francisco State, the Panthers coming out on top by virtue of a safety, 2-0. The coach who led the teams and directed the athletic program was Frank Powers. In basketball the Panthers played a schedule of 16 games, ending up second in conference play. Three players were chosen to the mythical All-4-C team for their outstanding play.

1936-37: Coach Frank Powers led the football team to a championship season record of two wins, one loss and four ties. The basketball team compiled a record of 22 wins and 7 losses, three of which were against professional barnstorming teams. The 4-C conference was now composed of only four teams, with Santa Maria J.C., Miramonte J.C., Cal Poly, and Hartnell (then known as Salinas J.C.). The basketball team was crowned champs and placed three men on the All-4-C team. The track team met with great success, placing second in the N.C.J.C.C. meet and winning the 4-C title.

1937-38: This marked the first year of competition in the Northern California Junior College Conference (N.C.J.C.C.). Coach Ed Adams made his debut this year by leading his basketball team to second place in league play. The football team ended the season winless in N.C.J.C.C. play, while tying one contest. The baseball team was unsuccessful in its first year of the new conference and lost all of its league games. However, the school sported a championship tennis and track team, demonstrating its superiority in the athletic program.

1938-39: Coach Bud Winter took over as head football and track coach, and guided his football team to a second place in conference play and his track team to the conference championship. Basketball fared poorly, fielding a small but fighting team. Hartnell finished the season winless in league competition. The baseball squad enjoyed a fine season, however, finishing the season in second place. Coach Darwin Peavy led his boxing team to the championship in his first year as a physical education teacher here.

1939-40: The athletic teams enjoyed a very successful year during this period. Led by Coaches Bud Winter and Ed Adams, the Panthers tied for the N.C.J.C.C. football championship with a record of six wins, one loss, and two ties. The basketball team finished up in seventh place in the conference standings. The boxing and tennis teams, under the direction of Coach Darwin Peavy, earned the league championships in their respective divisions. The baseball team had a highly successful season by placing high in the standings. Hal Davis, perhaps the greatest athlete ever to attend Salinas J.C., led his teammates to the N.C.J.C.C. championship, and set college records of :09.4 in the 100-yard dash and :20.6 in the 220-yard event.

1940-41: The Panther football team lost two league games and the championship. This marked the appearance of a player who later was to coach the Panther football team to a miraculous season, Dick Voris. Coach Ed Adams led his basketball team to a fair year, ending up in the top half in conference play. The baseball team withdrew from N.C.J.C.C. play to compete on a free lance basis. The track season was very successful, being led by sprinter Hal Davis. He later competed in the national meet and was at one time national sprint champion. This team is touted to be the best in the history of the college.

1941-42: The football edition of the Panther entered the "A" league of the N.C.J.C.C. and managed to take a surprising second place. The football team had a new coach, "Tiny" Hall, who was responsible for the fine season. He took over the post of Coach Bud Winter, who resigned his position to accept a coaching job at San Jose State. The Panther baseball team, although touted to have its best club in years, couldn't seem to get started and ended up in the N.C.J.C.C. cellar. The track team, despite a light turnout, gave a good account of itself.

1942-43: A small turnout hampered the football team during these early war years, but a good team was fielded. The basketball team played a limited schedule intercollegiate schedule, with the majority of games being played against service teams. The track team had little trouble in the competition encountered, and rolled on to an unbeaten season. Baseball was abandoned because of the lack of league competition.

1943-44: The wartime football team started the season as an intramural outfit, but upon being challenged to a game by nearby Hollister J.C., Coach Darwin Peavy formed a squad which played a three-game series versus the Hollister team. The series ended in a tie with one win, one loss, and one tie for each team. The most successful sport of the year was basketball with the squad ending with a record of 13 wins and 4 losses. Baseball competition was replaced with softball, and track was held as a class competition affair. Darwin Peavy handled all of the coaching.

1944-45: Football was resumed at the college with a six-game schedule, the Esjayseers winning four, with one defeat, and one tie. The basketball squad stumbled through an 18-game schedule, to win only seven games in the entire season. Spring sport activity was limited.

1945-46: Salinas J.C. again renewed competitive relations with members of the N.C.J.C.C. Although the small Panther eleven failed to set the gridiron world on fire, its colorful style of play made it one of the best known teams in the conference. The basketball squad enjoyed a moderately successful basketball season, finishing in the upper brackets of conference play. Spring sports again were forced into the background with lack of candidates being the main source of difficulty.

1946-47: The football team fought its way through a ten-game schedule, winning four and losing six. The basketball team ended up in the bottom half of the league with a record of six wins, and eight losses. The track team achieved little success in dual meets early in the season, but went on to score heavily in the larger invitational meets.

1947-48: The Panther football team, led by Coach Bob Robinett, climbed to fourth place in league competition. It enjoyed a six-won, four-lost record. The basketball team fought its way to a fairly successful season under the direction of Coach Ed Adams. Under the guidance of a new coach, Jess Regli, the Salinas J.C. baseballers enjoyed a better-than-average season. The track squad, hampered by inexperience, had a good season.

1948-49: Coach Bob Robinett and company came through to put the now Hartnell Panther in the spotlight by fielding a team which was rated among the ten best junior college football teams in the country. The team lost only one league game, that to the powerful San Francisco City College eleven. Two Panthers were named on the J.C. All-American football team. They were Ed Brown and Ed Dysle. The Hartnell basketball squad chalked up 20 victories out of a 31-game schedule, and won the consolation trophy in the Modesto tournament. Spring sports witnessed little success, falling off their usual stride.

1949-50: Coach "Ab" Wilson took over the football chores, experiencing a bitter season with only two wins against seven losses. Starting off slowly, the basketball team gained steam and finished a very successful season. Jess Regli guided a small and inexperienced nine to a good season. The track team fielded one of its best teams in years, with several good sprinters and distance men, the track season was a success.

1950-51: The football team encountered a good season and had it been able to take the last game it would have had a tie for second place in the N.C.J.C.C. The basketballers enjoyed a successful season, among their accomplishments was the winning of the Hartnell Small College Tournament. The baseball team gave indications of having great potentials, but could never muster up enough reserve strength to warrant a league victory. The track team rambled its way to the newly-founded Coast Conference championship.

1952-53: Coached by "Ab" Wilson the football team dropped its first six games due to inexperience and lack of reserves, finishing strong with victories in the last three contests. The basketball team enjoyed a very successful season, although it lost the championship by losing the last game of the season. The baseball team placed second in league play, losing the championship on the last day of competition. The track team placed second in the league, with a strong finish to earn the position. The tennis team won the only championship of the year by going undefeated during the season.

1952-53: The Panther came up with its most amazing football team in the history of the school, being coached by alumnus Dick Voris. It finished the season with a clean record of ten wins, no ties, and no defeats. It won the honor of being the first team in Northern California to be chosen to represent the West in the Junior Rose Bowl classic in Pasadena. From there, it proceeded to present the football fan with the most thrilling football game ever played in that stadium, tying Bacone J.C. of Oklahoma, 20-20, after the gun ended the game. The basketball team finished a poor season by ending up in fourth place in league play.

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